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A substitute amendment and a reply to the office action (mailed on 09/09/2004) have been filed on 01/10/2005.

The applicants state that the earlier amendment filed by them on 05/18/2004 be discarded. This cannot be done since the said amendment has already been made of record in this application. Consequently the numbering of claims needs to be changed for the examiner to proceed with the examination of the claims.

The reply filed on 01/10/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of reasons stated above. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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